

Parshas Shmos – Are You Really Zealous or Jealous?

1. **Shmos 2,13-14:** And he went out the second day, and, behold, two men of the Hebrews were striving together; and he said to the wicked one: Why do you strike your fellow?' And he said: '*Who made you a man, a ruler, and a judge over us?* thinkest thou to kill me, as thou didst kill the Egyptian?' And Moses feared, and said: 'Surely the thing is known.'
2. **Rashi, Two Hebrew men:** Dasan and Aviram. They were the ones who left over some Manna.
3. **Shmos 5,20-21:** And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh. And they said unto them: 'The LORD look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savior to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us.'
4. **Rashi, They encountered:** Our Rabbis have expounded each "fighting" or "standing" were Dasan and Aviram, for it says of them 'And Dasan and Aviram went out standing.'
5. **Bamidbar 16:12 -13:** And Moses sent to call Dasan and Aviram, the sons of Eliab; and they said: 'We will not come up. Is it a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, *but thou must needs make thyself also a prince over us?*
6. **Bamidbar 14,4:** And they said one to another: '*Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt.*
7. **Rashi:** As Targum explains: 'Let us appoint a leader.'
8. **Shmos 2,15:** Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses.
9. **Sforno 2,14:** There was no point in Moshe killing the informant, because the informant said his words to Moshe publicly.
10. **Isaiah 50,11:** Go in the flame of your firethat you should die in sorrow
11. **Midrash Koheles Raba 3,12:** What can this be compared to? To a king who invited guests to a feast, and ordered them: 'Each person should bring something to sit on.'" Some prepared comfortable seats and some prepared seats of wood and stones. The king said that everyone should sit on the seats they prepared. Those who prepared seats of wood and stones complained, 'Is this the honor of the king that we should be sitting on wood and stone? Is this the way the king entertains guests?' The king responded, 'Is it not enough that you made the palace ugly with wood and stones, but you have the brazenness to come to me with complaints! You caused this misfortune upon yourselves, as these are the seats you prepared to sit on!' So it will be in the future when the wicked are judged for Gehinom, they will complain to God, 'We were waiting for god's salvation, and this is what we are getting?' Hashem will answer: 'Weren't you masters of strife, Loshon Hora, and evildoers in the world you came from? Weren't you masters of dispute and brigands? Therefore, you are going to the flame of your fire, the fire that you ignited!! Lest you say that this came from my hand – not at all! Rather you did it – to yourselves! Therefore: 'you should die in sorrow ' – this came from your hands.'
12. **Shmos 2,11:** And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown up, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens; and he saw an Egyptian smiting a Hebrew, one of his brethren
13. **Rashi, And he saw their burdens:** He focused his eyes and heart to be distressed over them.
14. **Midrash 1,27:** He saw their burdens and cried and said: 'I feel so bad for them, I would rather die for them," and he would carry on his shoulders and help each and every one of them.